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Hon. Michael Kubayanda
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Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
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Re: Docket number: MC2021-78

Dear Mr. Kubayanda,

I am writing to you in response to of The United States Postal Service that has sent a transfer request to the Postal Regulatory Commission seeking to move Bound Printed Matter Parcels from the Market Dominant to the Competitive product category, which will dramatically increase the rates for promotion flyers and books mailed to schools. I am asking you to please deny this transfer or to exempt educational material from this transfer.

As a preschool teacher in a Title-I rural public school this rate increase will dramatically decrease the amount of books that my students have access to. Currently, I am able to partner with Scholastic Book Clubs to help my families purchase affordable books for their children at both home and in the school setting. With this rate increase Scholastic Book Clubs will have to increase their rates for me and charge additional shipping which will in turn make me have to charge my already low income families more for these books. I will also not be available to put as many books in my classroom library for my students to access. Over 85% of the students in my classroom have developmental delays in reading and math and need access to books to help close those gaps. By raising the cost I foresee many of these gaps growing due to the lack of quality literature books available to students at home and school.

Through the current pandemic, as a classroom teacher, I am seeing more and more gaps in our kids' education (even our youngest learners) due to schools having to close and students again not having access to quality literature. As teachers we are spending our own money to get books into the hands of our students to help close those gaps and hoping they do not get larger. These kids are the future of our society and we need them to be well rounded education citizens. We do not want to see our students struggling now or in the future. If rates are increased, as a teacher, I will not be able to afford as many books for my students due to having to pay

additional shipping costs. I feel this is the worst possible time to increase costs upon educational material with massive disruption on schools, students, parents and teachers are currently facing.

I am asking you to please, for students all over the United States, to deny this rate increase or to exempt educational material from this transfer so that we as teachers can continue to offer literature to our students to help them to well rounded educated citizens. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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